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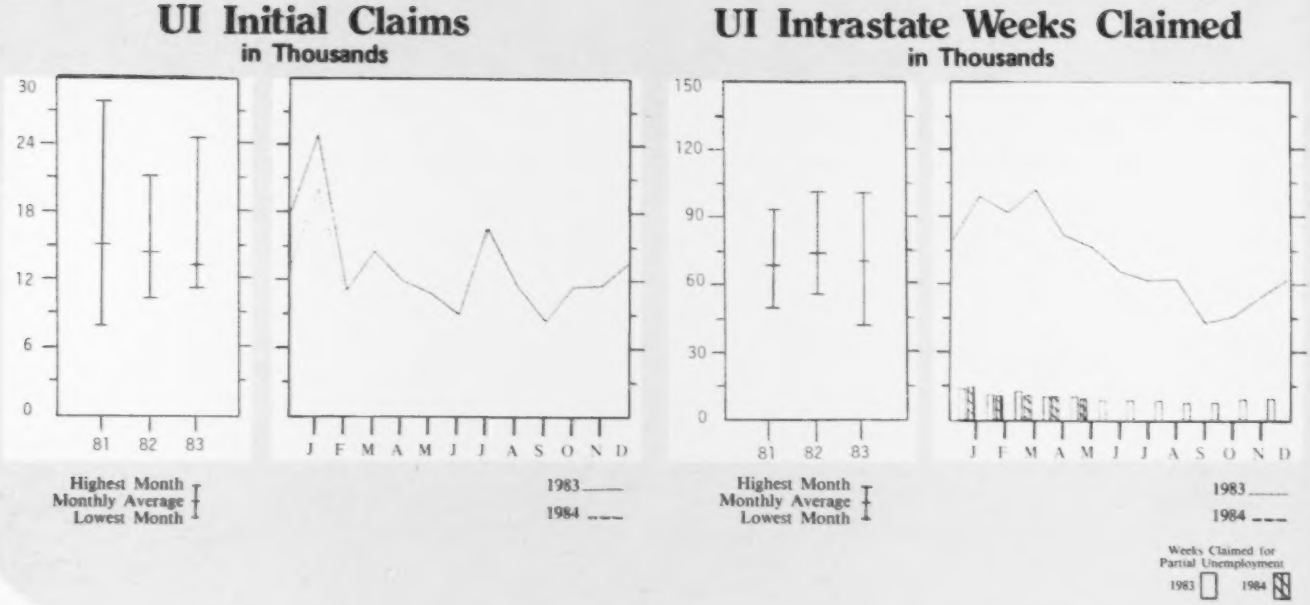
RESULTS OF 1984 MAINE HOSPITAL WAGE SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

THE WAGE SURVEY OF HOSPITAL OCCUPATIONS WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT UNDERTAKEN WITH THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION. THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, IS TO PROVIDE THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, ITS MEMBER HOSPITALS, OTHER EMPLOYERS, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE WAGE SCALES. THE SURVEY'S WAGE INFORMATION IS ALSO AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PERTINENT OCCUPATIONAL FACTS THAT THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH MAKES AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PLANNERS AND CAREER COUNSELORS. PEOPLE IN NEED OF OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION FOR CAREER DECISION-MAKING CAN USE THE SURVEY DATA TO ASSIST THEM IN DECIDING UPON A CAREER.

DURING THE FALL OF 1983, ALL MEMBER HOSPITALS OF THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO THE WAGE SURVEY BY INDICATING THE WAGE RATES WHICH WOULD BE IN EFFECT FOR 53 SELECTED NONADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS ON JANUARY 1, 1984. FORTY-ONE OF THE 42 MEMBER HOSPITALS PROVIDED USABLE WAGE DATA. THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED FOR ALL THE OCCUPATIONS WAS 13,117. THIS EMPLOYMENT FIGURE REPRESENTS NEARLY THREE-QUARTERS OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OF ALL PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN MAINE. OF THE TOTAL EMPLOYMENT REPORTED, OVER 36 PERCENT (4,733) OF THE EMPLOYEES WERE CLASSIFIED AS PROFESSIONAL WORKERS.

OCCUPATIONAL WAGE INFORMATION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR ONLY THOSE OCCUPATIONS WHERE THREE OR MORE HOSPITALS REPORTED DATA. THE INFORMATION FROM ALL RESPONDENTS HAS BEEN KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED IN ANY MANNER THAT WOULD PERMIT IDENTIFICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL HOSPITAL. ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS PUBLICATION IS WAGE DATA FOR FIVE REGIONS DESIGNATED BY THE MAINE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN A BROCHURE WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH FOR A FEE OF $2.50.



SUMMER TRAVEL OUTLOOK BODES WELL FOR TOURIST INDUSTRY

OVERALL, SUMMER VACATION TRIPS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE 3% THIS YEAR OVER 1983, AND NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF ALL VACATIONERS ARE BUDGETING MORE FOR TRAVEL, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY FROM THE U.S. TRAVEL DATA CENTER. THE "1984 OUTLOOK FOR SUMMER TRAVEL: A GUIDE TO VACATION MARKETS" SAYS THAT AMERICANS ON VACATION WILL SPEND 1.8 BILLION NIGHTS AWAY FROM HOME IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST 1984. VACATION TRIPS ARE EXPECTED TO AVERAGE NEARLY 6.5 NIGHTS, ABOUT 1% LONGER THAN IN 1983.

SOME 48 MILLION ADULTS AGED 25-54 WILL TAKE NEARLY ONE-HALF OF ALL VACATION TRIPS THIS SUMMER, SAYS THE STUDY. THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND THAT AMERICANS IN THE $30,000+ INCOME GROUP WERE MOST LIKELY TO TAKE VACATION TRIPS. THE AVERAGE TRAVEL PARTY IN 1984 IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOUT 2.2 PERSONS PER TRIP, AND MOST SUMMER VACATIONERS, 81 PERCENT, WILL TRAVEL BY CAR, TRUCK, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.

AMONG GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS, THE NORTHEAST WILL GENERATE THE MOST SUMMER VACTION TRAVELERS. RESIDENTS OF THE FAR WEST, WHO SHOWED MORE CONCERN ABOUT TRAVEL PRICES THAN RESIDENTS OF OTHER REGIONS, ARE EXPECTED TO CUT THEIR SUMMER TRAVEL BY 3% THIS YEAR.

MORE VACATIONERS WILL HEAD TO THE SEASHORE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE, WITH 29% SAYING THEIR DESTINATION WAS AN OCEAN OR BEACH. ANOTHER 27% INDICATED THEY WOULD VACATION IN A CITY, 22% IN A MOUNTAIN AREA, 11% IN A LAKE AREA, 10% IN A STATE OR NATIONAL PARK, 6% IN EPCOT/DISNEY WORLD/ORLANDO, AND 1% AT THE WORLD'S FAIR IN NEW ORLEANS.

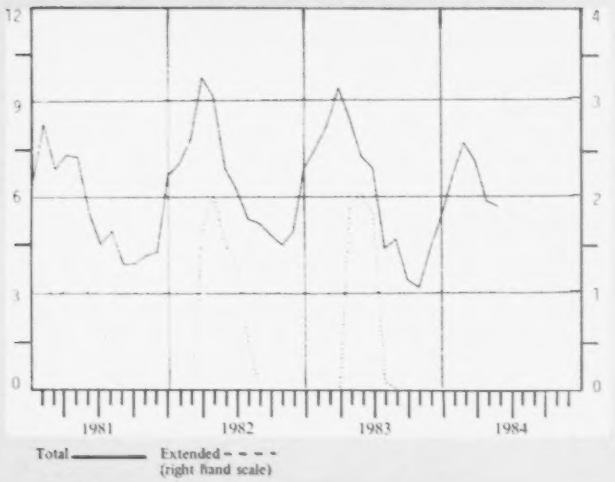
EXCERPTED FROM THE MAY 17, 1984 ISSUE OF U.S. CENSUS REPORT, 951 PERSHING DR., SILVER SPRING, MD. 20910.

Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

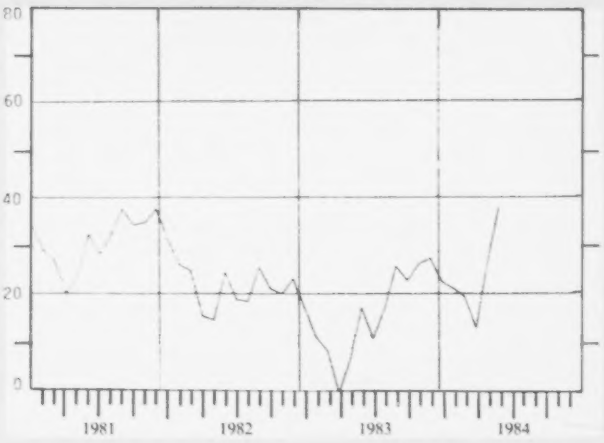
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	427.6	421.7	419.5	100.9	99.6	97.0	34.2	34.0	33.6
Total Manufacturing	108.4	108.0	107.4	17.2	16.8	16.5	11.5	11.5	11.1
Durable Goods	40.7	40.4	39.0	7.7	7.4	6.4	2.3	2.2	2.0
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	11.5	11.5	11.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	16.4	16.3	14.4	6.0	5.9	5.5	1.8	1.8	1.5
Other Durable Goods 3/	12.8	12.6	13.6	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4
Nondurable Goods	67.7	67.6	68.4	9.5	9.4	10.1	9.2	9.3	9.1
Food and Kindred Products	7.8	8.0	7.9	2.0	2.0	2.2	0.8	0.9	0.9
Textile Mill Products	7.2	7.3	6.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.5	1.5
Apparel	5.0	5.0	4.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.9	18.7	18.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.7	0.7	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	18.6	18.7	21.2	2.7	2.8	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	15.5	15.7	17.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.0	3.0	3.0
All Other	3.1	3.0	3.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	9.9	9.6	4.8	4.6	4.8	2.5	2.5	2.4
Total Nonmanufacturing	319.2	313.7	312.1	83.7	82.8	80.5	22.7	22.5	22.5
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	*	*	*	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contract Construction	17.4	15.3	16.5	4.6	4.3	4.3	1.3	1.2	1.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	17.7	17.6	18.1	5.4	5.4	6.0	1.2	1.2	1.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	97.9	94.5	92.6	27.8	27.2	25.7	8.0	7.9	7.8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	18.7	18.5	18.0	8.8	8.7	8.8	1.7	1.7	1.6
Services	85.2	83.2	82.4	23.7	22.8	22.0	7.3	7.4	7.2
Government	82.1	84.4	84.3	13.4	14.4	13.7	3.2	3.1	3.3
Federal	18.1	18.1	18.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
State and Local 5/	64.0	66.3	66.2	12.0	13.0	12.3	2.9	2.9	3.0
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38, 39; Portland - 32, 37, 38, 39; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37, 39. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30. 5/Regular teachers are inlcuded in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 100.

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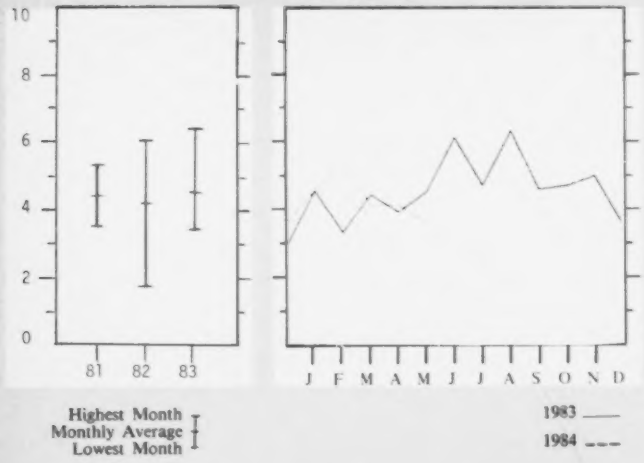
New Applications For Work

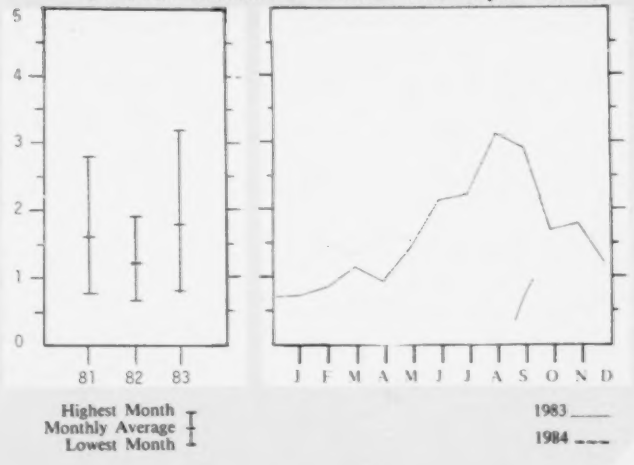
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1983	1982	1981
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$319.18	$315.57	$299.55	40.3	40.2	40.1	$ 7.92	$ 7.85	$ 7.47	$ 7.61	$ 7.22	$ 6.66
Durable Goods	326.03	327.22	312.44	40.4	40.8	39.6	8.07	8.02	7.89	8.04	7.59	6.97
Lumber and Wood Products	283.71	287.34	277.80	40.3	40.7	39.8	7.04	7.06	6.98	7.37	6.87	6.52
Metals and Machinery	315.55	318.06	294.78	40.3	41.2	39.2	7.83	7.72	7.52	7.59	7.15	6.61
Other Durable Goods	383.39	382.18	365.88	40.7	40.4	39.9	9.42	9.46	9.17	9.31	8.84	7.98
Nondurable Goods	315.95	308.45	292.50	40.3	39.8	40.4	7.84	7.75	7.24	7.37	7.00	6.48
Food and Kindred Products	241.13	235.14	242.03	37.5	36.4	39.1	6.43	6.46	6.19	6.10	5.84	5.50
Textile Mill Products	257.91	258.16	238.62	41.8	42.6	41.0	6.17	6.06	5.82	5.87	5.49	5.17
Apparel	202.21	201.60	189.21	36.9	35.0	35.3	5.48	5.76	5.36	5.39	5.23	4.97
Paper and Allied Products	521.19	508.50	477.40	45.4	45.2	44.7	11.48	11.25	10.68	10.95	10.10	9.27
Leather and Leather Products	214.65	214.18	214.27	37.2	36.8	38.4	5.77	5.82	5.58	5.59	5.46	5.10
Other Nondurable Goods	279.74	273.29	262.35	39.4	38.6	40.3	7.10	7.08	6.51	6.60	6.23	5.75
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	309.68	311.62	286.90	39.4	39.9	37.7	7.86	7.81	7.61	7.67	7.19	6.49
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	249.33	247.15	245.83	38.3	38.2	40.3	6.51	6.47	6.10	6.16	5.96	5.57

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month 1/	Last Month 1/	Year Ago 2/
Labor Force	237.5	231.4	223.8
Unemployed	16.4	16.6	20.3
(Percent)	6.9%	7.2%	9.1%
Resident Employed	221.1	214.8	203.5

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	309.7	308.8	297.1	303.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.0%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+4.2%

1/ Preliminary estimates 2/ Revised

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

in Thousands

AREA 1	LABOR FORCE 2			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	554.5	545.3	535.2	518.3	504.3	484.0	36.2	41.0	51.2	6.5	7.5	9.6
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	44,200	44,800	44,000	42,000	42,100	40,400	2,200	2,700	3,600	5.0	6.0	8.2
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	35,100	34,700	33,600	33,000	32,300	30,400	2,100	2,400	3,200	6.0	6.9	9.5
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	40,600	40,300	38,900	37,900	37,600	35,200	2,700	2,700	3,700	6.7	6.7	9.5
Portland SMSA	105,800	104,700	97,600	101,700	100,000	90,800	4,100	4,700	6,800	3.9	4.5	7.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	30,770	30,540	29,480	28,920	28,320	27,130	1,850	2,220	2,350	6.0	7.3	8.0
Bath-Brunswick	24,350	24,310	25,140	23,290	23,030	23,660	1,060	1,280	1,480	4.4	5.3	5.9
Belfast	11,730	11,680	11,280	10,430	10,130	9,620	1,300	1,550	1,660	11.1	13.3	14.7
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,700	8,200	8,140	8,080	7,470	7,460	620	730	680	7.1	8.9	8.4
Calais-Eastport	15,200	14,890	15,670	13,470	12,900	13,170	1,730	1,990	2,500	11.4	13.4	16.0
Caribou-Presque Isle	21,980	21,520	20,490	19,450	18,690	17,760	2,530	2,830	2,730	11.5	13.2	13.3
Central Penobscot	3,600	3,620	3,620	3,370	3,340	3,290	230	280	330	6.4	7.7	9.1
Dover-Foxcroft	6,910	6,760	6,760	6,390	6,230	6,050	520	530	710	7.5	7.8	10.5
Ellsworth	22,380	21,240	21,360	20,790	19,310	19,310	1,590	1,930	2,050	7.1	9.1	9.6
Farmington	13,110	13,050	13,350	11,880	11,770	11,960	1,230	1,280	1,390	9.4	9.8	10.4
Fort Kent-Allagash	4,990	4,980	4,950	4,180	4,080	3,930	810	900	1,020	16.2	18.1	20.6
Greenville	1,560	1,430	1,350	1,420	1,310	1,180	140	120	170	9.0	8.4	12.6
Houlton	5,390	5,220	5,250	4,920	4,720	4,460	470	500	790	8.7	9.6	15.0
Lincoln; Howland	6,020	5,960	5,950	5,600	5,500	5,210	420	460	740	7.0	7.7	12.4
Livermore Falls	6,380	6,310	6,000	5,760	5,600	5,330	620	710	670	9.7	11.3	11.2
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,340	4,380	4,570	3,850	3,820	3,860	490	560	710	11.3	12.8	15.5
Mechanic Falls	2,700	2,530	2,480	2,450	2,280	2,120	250	250	360	9.3	9.9	14.5
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,190	5,170	5,430	4,950	4,870	4,930	240	300	500	4.6	5.8	9.2
Patten-Island Falls	2,380	2,220	2,420	2,090	1,920	1,970	290	300	450	12.2	13.5	18.6
Rockland	18,480	18,480	18,110	17,080	16,910	15,980	1,400	1,570	2,130	7.6	8.5	11.8
Rumford	20,420	20,670	20,830	18,570	18,740	18,460	1,850	1,930	2,370	9.1	9.3	11.4
Sebago Lake Region	12,720	11,880	12,420	12,080	11,120	11,380	640	760	1,040	5.0	6.4	8.4
Skowhegan	22,230	21,760	21,710	20,270	19,430	18,690	1,960	2,330	3,020	8.8	10.7	13.9
Kittery-York	25,490	22,720	23,070	24,770	22,080	22,280	720	640	790	2.8	2.8	3.4
Southwest Penobscot	8,760	8,620	8,440	7,850	7,510	7,320	910	1,110	1,120	10.4	12.9	13.3
Waterville	23,160	22,750	22,830	21,870	21,280	20,700	1,290	1,470	2,130	5.6	6.5	9.3
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,629.1	1,606.8	n/a	1,559.2	1,511.5	n/a	69.9	95.3	n/a	4.3	5.9
Massachusetts	3,019.0	3,036.0	2,935.9	2,899.0	2,883.0	2,744.3	120.0	153.0	191.6	4.0	5.0	6.5
New Hampshire	n/a	506.8	498.6	n/a	484.2	470.4	n/a	22.7	28.2	n/a	4.5	5.7
Rhode Island	481.5	479.6	479.8	451.0	447.8	440.9	30.5	31.8	38.9	6.3	6.6	8.1
Vermont	n/a	264.3	266.3	n/a	244.7	246.5	n/a	19.6	19.8	n/a	7.4	7.4
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,915.9	5,787.4	n/a	5,618.9	5,413.6	n/a	297.0	373.8	n/a	5.0	6.5
UNITED STATES 3/	113,251	112,152	110,308	105,096	103,628	99,543	8,154	8,525	10,765	7.2	7.6	9.8

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n.a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1. Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2. Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3. National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

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Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	10,809	13,608	14,327	1,128	1,457	1,880	756	847	976
Insured Unemployment Rate *	2.6	3.4	3.6	1.3	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.0

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Selected Characteristics Of Unemployment Insurance Claimants

REGULAR PROGRAM 1/

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY OCCUPATION

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Professional, Technical, and Managerial	9.3	8.6	9.9
Clerical and Sales	19.3	17.6	19.6
Service	11.3	10.5	9.7
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related	4.0	3.0	2.6
Processing	3.8	3.6	5.3
Machine Trades	12.8	11.5	11.1
Benchwork	10.3	9.3	8.3
Structural Work	15.0	20.3	19.6
Miscellaneous	14.2	15.6	13.9

PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

CATEGORY	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Total under 40	57.5	56.9	60.1
Under 22	6.7	6.4	6.4
22-24	10.5	10.4	11.4
25-34	29.6	29.8	32.0
35-39	10.7	10.3	10.3
Total 40 and Over	42.5	43.1	39.9
40-44	7.9	8.0	8.0
45-54	13.2	12.7	14.1
55-64	10.0	9.8	11.1
65 and Over	11.4	12.6	6.7

1/ Data refers to continued claimants who received benefits under the regular state unemployment insurance program.

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